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Amendments to the Specification

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- While it is generally most practical that plate 20 would have the same type of openings and/or orifices, these could be mixed and matched as desired, in combination with the teachings herein, to practice the invention. The plate may be made of various materials. Such materials may have a semi-rigid to rigid characteristic so as to be able to endure the stresses the bracket will be subjected to during its intended lifetime. For example, these may be metals, plastics and substitutes therefor as would be known to those of skill in the art, and such things as steel, galvanized steel and molded plastics may be employed. The plate 10 may be formed by conventional techniques such as stamping, molding, or other forming means. The plate 10 and its variety of features may be made to various sizes as long as the relative relationships between certain components, as discussed above, are maintained as desired. Otherwise, generally, the size of the vent for which the plate is intended and the desired attributes of the plate, will dictate what the overall size of the plate, openings and orifices should be, as would be known to one of ordinary skill in the art in combination with the teachings herein. For example, dimensions such as a length 26 of about  $3/43\frac{1}{4}$  inches, a width 28 of about 1 inch, openings 50 of about  $3/8$  inch by  $1/16$  inch, orifices of about  $3/16$  inch by  $1/16$  inch, and all these configured like seen in FIG. 1 with a plate thickness from the front face to the back face

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of about 1/64 of an inch, may be used for average size vents and vent covers, but other dimensions would work as well. --